

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Transportation		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council		29152	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	04/21/2017	04/21/2019	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 U.S.C § 300d-4(b)	04/24/2012	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	17d. Total Meetings and Dates
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$90,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$95,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$63,000.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$248,000.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00

0.75

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee provides information, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary, through the Administrator of NHTSA, and to the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) on matters relating to all aspects of development and implementation of emergency medical services. Throughout FY18, the committee continued to have 4 very active sub-committees that met bi-monthly via teleconference. The full committee has approved several well-developed recommendations to NHTSA and FICEMS that the agencies have incorporated into future and ongoing project planning.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 25 members, each representing the perspective of a particular component of the emergency medical services community. The membership is also balanced in terms of other demographics, including geography, gender, etc. and follows an approved Membership Balance Plan.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee generally meets at least three times a year to provide a forum to discuss methods for improving community-based emergency medical services. The meetings have been very productive and all have included strong public participation. Meetings are 1.5 days each in Washington, DC. Notices are posted in the Federal Register and also with relevant stakeholders. Public attendance averages 40-50 people per meeting.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Prior to the establishment of NEMSAC, there was no such forum for EMS community/stakeholder input on the work of NHTSA or other Federal agencies on EMS matters. This is a critical public safety/healthcare service and it is very valuable to have thoughtful input of selected EMS representatives to ensure that NHTSA programs and activities are as beneficial as possible. The NEMSAC has provided invaluable advice to NHTSA and the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

On April 21, 2017, the NEMSAC was re-chartered to continue compliance with the its statutory authority per Section 31108 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st

Century Act of 2012. The committee did not meet in FY18 due to pending new appointments and re-appointments which took longer than anticipated.

Designated Federal Officer

Jon Krohmer Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adelgais, Kathleen	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Pediatric Emergency Physician	Representative Member
Ahlers, Mary	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	EMS Educator	Representative Member
Altenhofen, Katrina	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Founding Member, West Chester First Responders	Representative Member
Baird, Shawn	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Private EMS Provider	Representative Member
Bartram, Cherie	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Call-Taker/Dispatcher	Representative Member
Bradley, Richard	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Emergency Physician	Representative Member
Braithwaite, Sabina	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Emergency Physician	Representative Member
Cunningham, Carol	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	State EMS Medical Director - Ohio	Representative Member
Diaz, Steven	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Hospital Administration	Representative Member
Emery, Eric	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Tribal EMS	Representative Member
Fallat, Mary	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Trauma Surgeon	Representative Member
Gale, Val	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Local EMS Service Administrator	Representative Member
Garrett, Brett	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	EMS Practitioner	Representative Member
Hastings, Michael	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Research Outcomes Quality Coordinator	Representative Member
Hooten, Douglas	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Local EMS Service Administrator	Representative Member
Kaye, Sean	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	EMS Data Manager (NC)	Representative Member
Knight, Lori	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Emergency Management	Representative Member
Lubogo, Nanfi	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Consumer	Representative Member
Lucas, David	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Director of Enhanced 9-1-1, Lexington-Fayette County, KY	Representative Member
McIntyre, Chad	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Air Medical Services	Representative Member
McMichael, William	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Volunteer EMS	Representative Member
Monosky, Keith	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	EMS Educator	Representative Member
Montera, Anne	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Public Health	Representative Member
Mullins, Terry	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Director of EMS and Trauma Systems, State of Arizona	Representative Member
O'Neal, Chuck	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	State EMS Director	Representative Member
Pawlak, Steven	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Emergency Management	Representative Member
Powers, Matthew	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Emergency Nurse	Representative Member
Robbins, Vincent	05/01/2015	06/28/2020	Hospital- Based EMS	Representative Member
Rodriguez, Freddie	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	State Legislative Body	Representative Member
Shah, Manish	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Pediatric Emergency Physician	Representative Member
Sinclair, John	05/01/2015	06/28/2018	Fire Chief and Emergency Manager	Representative Member
Taillac, Peter	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	State EMS Medical Director	Representative Member
Tobin, John	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Firefighter/paramedic	Representative Member
Washko, Jonathan	06/28/2018	06/28/2020	Local EMS Service Administrator	Representative Member
White, Lynn	05/01/2015	06/29/2020	EMS Researcher	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 35

Narrative Description

The NEMSAC was chartered by the Secretary of Transportation in FY 2007 and members were first appointed in early 2008; a second class was appointed in July 2010 and third in June 2012. NEMSAC was re-chartered and members were re-appointed in April 2013 to fulfill the requirements of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012. The NEMSAC is comprised of representatives of the many sectors of EMS and they provide advice and recommendations to DOT and FICEMS carrying out its work on

improving Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and post crash care. NEMSAC has produced multiple recommendations and several comprehensive reports on issues related to a Culture of Safety in EMS (both provider and patient safety), the role of EMS in Healthcare Reform, need for guidelines regarding Mode of Transport, including issues related to helicopter EMS transport, emergency vehicle operator training, and several recommendations regarding appropriate reimbursement of EMS. NHTSA has implemented several projects based on recommendations from the NEMSAC including undertaking research to better understand the effects of fatigue on EMS providers and steps to better measure and report performance and quality in EMS. These recommendations help to prioritize the activities of FICEMS and DOT as they relate to emergency medical services. EMS is a critical component of both the healthcare system and one of the foundations of traffic safety. The 2015-2017 NEMSAC finalized 12 excellent Advisories that address many of the major emerging issues for the broad EMS community. One of the most important was related to Mental Health and Wellness for EMS Providers.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Projects at NHTSA directly impact the quality of care provided by EMS workers across the country by conducting research and encouraging the use of evidence-based guidelines for prehospital emergency care. The NEMSAC has provided invaluable guidance so those projects can be better implemented. The NEMSAC has increased external customer satisfaction and has improved NHTSA's and the Federal Interagency Committee's ability to respond to national EMS community issues and concerns. In 2017, NEMSAC provided 12 advisories, one of which addressed special advice related to EMS provision of medications related to the current US crisis of opioid overdoses.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

No measurable cost savings. Most recommendations are promoting improved EMS system operations and improved patient outcomes.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

72

Number of Recommendations Comments

NEMSAC has produced multiple recommendations and several very comprehensive reports on EMS issues. These recommendations have been directed both toward NHTSA and the statutorily created Federal Interagency Committee on EMS of which NHTSA is a member. NEMSAC did not submit any recommendations in FY2016, but worked on a total of 12 that were approved in 2017. Within several long reports are formal recommendations for both DOT and FICEMS. The total number of recommendations is counted as only those formal recommendations to DOT or FICEMS and not broad advice that may be included in reports.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

18%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Many of the recommendations from NEMSAC in 2009-15 have been fully or partially implemented by NHTSA and FICEMS member agencies. Others require statutory changes outside the scope of NHTSA and FICEMS. More recent recommendations have been provided in sets and while NHTSA has begun work on several aspects of the recommendation, full implementation remains a challenge. Often NHTSA is able to

accomplish most of the spirit of the recommendation without fully implementing it verbatim. Recommendations are sometimes broad and require long-term policy discussions with Federal partners and external stakeholder groups. Other recommendations are specific but frequently cost prohibitive. However, NHTSA uses the recommendations to inform its strategic planning and budget planning processes. Obtaining funding and approval for these projects frequently take considerable time. Lists of recommendations are distributed to Federal partners and projects are often jointly funded by several offices across the U.S. Government. FICEMS used all 56 NEMSAC recommendations (through 2014) to formulate its FICEMS Strategic Plan, a high-level planning document to coordinate the EMS activities of 10 Federal agencies. NEMSAC provides a very tangible return on investment for the Department in regards to its guidance, but also provides an intangible impact on the national EMS community and raises the stature of this life-saving profession in the broader health system. NHTSA has initiated changes to the EMS Education Agenda for the Future, based on NEMSAC recommendations, and has initiated a research project on Fatigue and EMS. FICEMS accepted the recommendations on their Strategic Plan. There has been much progress.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

49%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

As with above, many recommendations since 2009 have been partially implemented by NHTSA and FICEMS. Often NHTSA is able to accomplish most of the spirit of the recommendation without fully implementing it verbatim. Several more recent recommendations have been included in FY2017 budget planning and will continue to be under consideration for future budgets.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The NHTSA Office of EMS does provide feedback to NEMSAC relative to their recommendations. At each NEMSAC Meeting, the DFO addresses what action has been taken on specific recommendations. The NEMSAC understands the time it takes develop new projects, especially involving procurements, based on the lead time needed for various budget cycles. The NEMSAC Chair is also invited to present recommendations directly to FICEMS at their biannual meetings and receive feedback from FICEMS

members in person.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Several specific programmatic recommendations were funded in FY16-17. Other recommendations will be considered in future years. FICEMS used all 59 NEMSAC recommendations to formulate its FICEMS Strategic Plan, a high-level planning document to coordinate the EMS activities of 10 Federal agencies. NHTSA began a two-year initiative in FY15 to complete a research project to study Fatigue in EMS and has continued development of a standard set of performance measures for EMS systems. This was a priority recommendation of NEMSAC's and a key objective in the FICEMS Strategic Plan.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

All NEMSAC minutes and related documents are posted on <http://www.ems.gov> and related information is available through the agency's NHTSA EMS Update.